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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

At its meeting on June 24, 2004, the Board of Regents conditionally approved the A.S. in Nursing at Southern University at Shreveport with following stipulations:

1. **By October 1, 2004, the College shall update the Commissioner of Higher Education on the status of its application to the Louisiana State Board of Nursing for approval.**
2. **Once the LSBN has granted approval of the program, the Board of Regents shall consider a date for program implementation.**
3. **After program implementation, annual reports regarding the program's progress toward NLNAC accreditation shall be required. The dates and content of these annual reports shall be decided once an implementation date has been set.**

STAFF SUMMARY

The LSBN granted initial approval for the program at its meeting on October 27, 2004 "with permission for student admission no earlier than January 2005." The LSBN also required "that a written report documenting efforts to add additional appropriately-prepared faculty be submitted to the Board by June 1, 2005." With LSBN approval secured, the program is ready to be implemented. Annual reports until NLNAC accreditation should still be required.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The staff recommends that the Academic and Student Affairs Committee receive the AY 2004-2005 Progress Report from Southern University-Shreveport Relative to Implementation of the A.S. Program in Nursing. Consistent with LSBN approval, the program shall be implemented beginning Spring 2005. Beginning August 1, 2005, and on that date annually thereafter, SUS shall submit to the Commissioner of Higher Education a report updating efforts of the University to attain NLNAC accreditation of the program.